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SUBJ: ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO SPEED UP RENEGOTIATION OF
USG-GOR CULTURAL RELATIONS AGREEMENT

REF: BUCHAREST 4747; STATE 230166

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR ION ROSIANU, MFA DIRECTORATE FOR PRESS AND CULTURE, ADVISED PAO TODAY THAT GOR AGREES IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT FEASIBLE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS/ANNEXES IN TIME FOR SIGNING DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 11, ROSIANU STATED GOR DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE PREPARED FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL "EARLY DECEMBER" OWING TO PARTY CONGRESS IN LATE NOVEMBER. ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT MAKE DEFINITE COMMITMENT FOR STARTING DATE, HE STATED UNOFFICIALLY NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN ON DECEMBER 9 WITH SIGNING AS EARLY AS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 IF NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED. ROSIANU ASKED THAT WE PASS TO GOR OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS/ANNEXES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE AMPLE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN AGREEMENT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH AUTHORITY
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TO PRESENT DRAFT AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS/ANNEXES

EARLY IN WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 (PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S VISIT).
WE BELIEVE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9 IS EARLIEST TIME GOR WILL BE
SUFFICIENTLY PREPARED FOR NEGOTIATIONS. REQUEST AUTHORITY
INFORM ROMANIANS THIS DATE ACCEPTABLE.

3. MEETING WITH ROSIANU WAS CORDIAL AND LACKING THE SENSE
OF URGENCY NOTED IN MEETING WITH PAO LAST WEEK WHEN HE
PRESENTED DRAFT AGREEMENT. FLORIAN BORZ, MFA FIRST SECRETARY
ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S MEETING.
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